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Conference Calendar

March

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| 3 | World Day of Prayer |
| 25-26 | Commission on Women in Church & Society Meeting, Atlanta |
| 27 | Palm Sunday |
| 31 | Maundy Thursday |

April

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| 3 | Easter |
| 14 | Food Day |
| 22-24 | Spring Mini Camp |
| 25-May 1 | Farm Worker Week |
| 29-May 1 | Southeast Conference Annual Meeting |

May

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| 22 | Atlanta Area Leaders' Box Workshop, Button Gwinnett U.C.C. |
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A Note from the Conference Moderator

With the coming of flowers and beautiful Spring weather our thoughts turn to the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference. This year we will meet the last weekend of April rather than in June. Efforts to find an appropriate meeting place for June proved futile, and the dates of April 29-May 1 were chosen. Many of us recall that this was the regular time of meeting for many years in the past.

We are happy to be meeting at Bonanza United Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Georgia, where our Vice-Moderator, Floyd Carmack, is pastor. Some of us remember when Bonanza was a new church start, and look forward to meeting in their lovely church.

We rejoice with our Button Gwinnett United Church of Christ in their new building and with Pilgrimage United Church of Christ as they begin construction of their new building.

As always, it will be good to meet together at Annual Conference to share our joys and sorrows, hopes and dreams, trials and blessings with Christian friends from across the South. Let us turn our hearts and minds to God's Mission for the Southeast Conference as we plan for our Annual Meeting. In the weeks

ahead may we pray that we might be sensitive to the promptings of our Lord as we prepare for our gathering.

--Freda D. Brown
Moderator

ANNUAL MEETING

Advance materials and registration forms for the 17th Annual Meeting are being mailed to each pastor in the Southeast Conference.

We hope all churches can be represented at this year's meeting, to be held at Bonanza United Church of Christ, 10879 Tara Boulevard, Jonesboro, Georgia. The theme is "More Churches, More Members for God's Mission," with the Reverend James W. Atchison, Secretary for New Church Development, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, as our keynote speaker.

This is an exciting theme. The meeting will be a good time of fellowship, sharing and inspiration as we look forward to the growth of our churches, not just for more people or statistics, but for the growth of our spirit and mission.

For those who can stay over, the Southeast Conference is invited to take part in the services of dedication of the Button Gwinnett United Church of Christ's new church building on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm. The church is located in Gwinnett County, Georgia; maps will be provided.

We will again have the opportunity to share in small groups. Bonanza Church is working hard to welcome the Conference—we hope to see you there!

REPLY TO "60 MINUTES"

Representatives of five major Protestant denominations filed formal charges in Washington D.C. March 3 with the Federal Communications Commission against the CBS Network and its owned and operated stations for "personal attacks" made on them during a "60 Minutes" broadcast. They are asking the Commission to order CBS to provide a "reasonable amount" of air time to respond to the attacks, in accordance with FCC rules. The protesting churches are: The United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal Church and United Methodist Church.

NEWS & NOTES

David Beebe, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, was mentioned in the UCC Peace Priority Newsletter for his presentation of denominational positions on nuclear arms race at the Fate of the Earth Conference at the University of Tennessee.

Carol Jean Delcher, graduate student in New Testament Studies at Emory University and a member of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, wrote an article for "Common Lot," the magazine of the U.C.C. Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society. Her article appears in the Jan. '83 issue.

A special feature of the "Midweek Circular," the newsletter of *Circular Congregational Church*, Charleston, S.C., is "The Children's Section." This column has a message, puzzle or poem especially for young people.

The Reverend and Mrs. George A. Fidler responded to their invitation to attend the President's Annual Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Rev. Fidler is pastor of St. John's United Church, Cullman, AL.

Members of the Youth Fellowship of *First Congregational Church*, Montgomery, AL, joined in the spirit of Christmas by wrapping 300 gifts for the District 3 Annual Christmas party. They are planning a newspaper recycling project and more active involvement in the morning worship services.

Bill Tweed, member of LaGrange United, LaGrange, GA, was elected president of the East Alabama Men's Fellowship. *Dr. A. R. Van Cleave* installed Mr. Tweed, and *Jim Pilkington*, Vice-President, and *Horace Gregory*, Secretary/Treasurer. The East Alabama Youth and Men's Fellowship will work at Button Gwinnett Church Apr. 8-9.

Curt's Nuggets

From the desk of Curtis Schumacher, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee:

Give your mind and heart a housecleaning every day.

MOVING DAY FOR BUTTON GWINNETT U.C.C.

March 6 was a triumphant event for Button Gwinnett U.C.C., Lilburn, GA. Services began in the school where they have worshipped for 4 years, then the congregation processed up the street to continue worship at their new church building. 150 people joined in this celebration of a "wonderful worship experience." Quotes from their members sum up their day, "... I could not put into words what I felt as I stood there with all the others who had labored with love for this day," "... somehow it seemed symbolic that the sun shone so brightly after a stormy night," "... to think that after all these years we are really here!"

WILDERNESS THROUGH THE EASTER VICTORY

Faith in the resurrection calls us to newness of life, not the kind of newness that makes us a completely different person, but the kind that challenges us constantly to be growing in the right direction. Although total victory over our sins and weaknesses may be denied us, we can have the small victories that make us better and stronger and more fit for the next spiritual encounters that come.

Excerpted from *Celebrating Observances for Special Times in Your Group*. This service was prepared by Emmett O. Floyd, Conference Minister. Order the folder from Church Leadership Resources, 1400 N. 7th St., St. Louis, MO 63106; 75 cents plus postage/handling, catalog no. X5.

NEW PACKET OF PROGRAM RESOURCES BASED ON MATTHEW 16:13-16 NOW AVAILABLE

“Who do you say I am?” This is the essential question for all Christians. It is the deepest personal inquiry that can be made, for it plumbs the depths of our experience, the texture of our faith, the fabric and structure of our daily lives.

We each answer this very personal question in very personal ways. Our answers are influenced by who we are and where we live, by the work and ministry we do, by the happenings in our lives.

Who Do You Say I Am is the theme of the Church Life Resources for Laity and Clergy packet of study materials for 1983-84. “You Are the Door to Living Faith” is the answer from *Alice Nkuchwayo* in the worship/program booklet included in the packet. Alice is from Zimbabwe and is a member of *Central Congregational Church*, Atlanta.

You can order this packet from Church Life Resources, 1400 N. 7th St., St. Louis, MO 63106. \$5.00 + 10% + \$1.00 postage/handling.

SPRING MINI-CAMP

WHO? Juniors, Junior Highs, Senior Highs and Adults of all Southeast Conference Churches

WHEN? Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 22, 23, 24, 1983

WHERE? Laguna Beach, Fla. (just west of Panama City)

COST? \$30.00 per person. Make checks payable to: *SOUTHERN ALABAMA AREA, UCC*. Advance registration is \$5.00 (non-refundable).

WHAT TO BRING? Sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, towel, casual clothing, Bible, notebook, pencil, swim suit, flashlight *and* money for Sunday Morning Worship Service offering. (And a camera, if you like.)

NOTE: Laguna Beach Apartments has a maximum sleeping accommodation of 300 people. All reservations will be handled on a first serve basis.

MEALS: *Friday*, Eat on the way to camp. *Saturday*, breakfast, lunch, supper. *Sunday*, breakfast and lunch.

DIRECTIONS: *Coming through Montgomery, Ala.* on US-331 to US-98 turning east (left). In about 15 miles take Alt.-98. Laguna Beach is about 3 miles. Apartments on the left.

Coming south through Dothan on US-231 or US-431 follow the Panama City signs. At Panama City turn right on Alt.-98. After intersection of 98 & Fla. 79 begin watching for the Laguna Beach Apartments on your right. (Just beyond the Blue Dolphin Motel.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS WRITE:
Southern Alabama Area, P.O. Box 773, Phenix City, AL 36867

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO HUMAN NEED

Volunteers In Service to Human Need is a new program component of the Voluntary Service program of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, U.C.C. The intent is to forge partnerships between the poor and disenfranchised, volunteers, Conferences, local churches and program agencies in an effort to creatively serve persons in need. The program began on Jan. 1, 1983 with the assistance of a grant from the 1982 Neighbors in Need offering.

Program agencies currently unable to provide for the full financial support of a volunteer will be provided with financial and technical assistance. Program agencies that meet this requirement along with the normal voluntary service criteria are presently being recruited as possible participants.

In addition to assisting program agencies to participate in this project, Conferences and local churches are invited to become involved through assisting with recruitment of volunteers, providing financial support where possible and encouraging the participation of program agencies.

A descriptive flyer is available from: Voluntary Service, UCBHM, 132 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001.

THIRD NATIONAL GATHERING OF UCC CLERGY

Renew old friendships ... worship together ... celebrate the diversity of our ministries in the UCC ... explore together how we define and declare our faith as we preach ... exchange professional tools ...

The Third National Gathering of UCC Clergy will be held June 21-23 at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. The theme is "Defining and Declaring Our Faith." For more information and registration forms write: Rev. Paul Olm, Registrar, 2560 Clearview Ave. N.E., Canton, OH 44718. Registration fee, \$20 for clergy and \$10 for spouse.

UCC COLLEGE HERITAGE DAY COMING

College Heritage Day will be celebrated on April 24 by many congregations in the United Church of Christ. Thirty colleges are related to our denomination through the UCC Council for Higher Education.

A brochure describing the purpose of UCC College Heritage Day and suggestions for ways in which congregations can celebrate this day is available free from: Rev. James A. Smith, Jr., Coordinator Church-College Relations, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 132 W. 31st St., N.Y., NY 10001.

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE 1982 YEARLY REPORT

ALABAMA-TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION

Alpine, King's Chapel	0
Athens, Trinity*	420
Belvidere, First United*	5181
Birmingham, First*	2504
Birmingham, Pilgrim	8290
Chattanooga, First	0
Chattanooga, Pilgrim*	10475
Crossville, Church of the Good Shepherd	1400
Cullman, St. John's	7200
Daisy, First (C.C.)	0
Deer Lodge, Congregational Christian*	600
Fairfield Glade, Community*	1763
Garden City, Congregational Christian	462
Glen Mary, Congregational Christian*	300
Huntsville, United*	3241
Knoxville, Church of the Savior*	1189
Marion, First*	75
Montgomery, First*	1860
Nashville, Brookmeade	1500
Nashville, First E&R	6825
Nashville, Howard	400
Pleasant Hill, Community*	8500
Robbins, Barton Chapel*	225
Sweetwater, First	0
Talladega, First United	200
Tougaloo, Union	175

CENTRAL ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

East Tallassee, Congregational Christian*	1200
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel*	308

EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Alexander City, First*	425
Columbus, First*	200
Columbus, United	0
Dadeville, Elder	600
Five Points, State Line	75
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	600
LaGrange, Hillside*	525
LaGrange, United*	1300
Lanett, Congregational Christian*	5709
Lanett, Pine Forest (Huguley)*	351
Langdale, Congregational Christian*	5178
Lineville, New Harmony	0
Phenix City, First*	1500
Phenix City, Russell Woods*	800
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove*	1500
Pisgah, Congregational Christian*	800
Roanoke, Antioch	600
Roanoke, Bethany	350
Roanoke, First	750
Roanoke, Forest Home	0
Roanoke, Lowell	500
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	0
Roanoke, New Hope	600
Roanoke, Rock Spring	0
Roanoke, Rock Stand	600
Shawmut, Todd	675
Wadley, Beulah	0
Wadley, Christian	100
Wadley, Corinth	400
Wedowee, Cavers Grove	0
Wedowee, Noon Day	450
West Point, Bethel	250
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	500

GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

Ambrose, Christian	0
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	0
Atlanta, Central*	18000
Atlanta, First	8200
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	0
Barnesville, Fredonia*	100
Beachton, Evergreen*	240
Bowman, Liberty	300
Braselton, Macedonia	400

Buford, Duncan's Creek	0
Charleston, Circular*	4320
Charleston, Plymouth*	853
Demorest, Federated*	1053
Jonesboro, Bonanza	800
Lilburn, Button Gwinnett	1791
Macon, First	0
Marietta, Pilgrimage	2349
Midway, Congregational*	586
Richland, First	0
Savannah, First*	2016
Thomasville, Bethany*	500

NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

Arley, Congregational Christian*	66
Caddo, First*	1000
Hackleburg, Fairview	0
Haleyville, Union Grove	0
Hanceville, Mountain Grove	120
Houston, Liberty Hill	0
Moulton, Jones Chapel*	100
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	0
Town Creek, Old Liberty	0

SOUTH ALABAMA-NORTHWEST FLORIDA

Andalusia, Antioch*	840
Andalusia, First*	500
Baker, Good Hope*	300
Baker, Pyron Chapel*	240
Bonifay, New Effort	25
Brantley, Indian Creek	0
Brantley, Liberty	0
Clio, New Hope	0
Headland, Blackwood	1000

TOTALS	132054
New Church Development	8055
GRAND TOTAL	140109

--Denotes increase from 1981 receipts

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